

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 3, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

This task is accomplished, according to the invention, by means of the ~~characteristics of claim 1~~. In particular, it has surprisingly been shown, by means of invention, which provides a the targeted geometrical arrangement of the wave-shaped face surfaces of the upper and lower ring wall, which are phase-shifted relative to one another,— This ensures that uniform contact over the circumference of the working surface of the oil wiping ring, relative to the cylinder wall, is achieved. In addition, it was possible to reduce the oil consumption, because the oil that is wiped from the cylinder wall cannot more easily flow in the direction of the combustion chamber, directly by way of the wave valleys that act as flow-through channels, as is the case when the face surfaces have a wave shape with the same coverage, but rather are prevented from doing so by means of a labyrinth that results from the phase offset of the face surfaces of upper and lower ring wall.